

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

## IRS

*Committee on Finance:* Committee held oversight hearings on the operation of the Internal Revenue Service, focusing on ethics and allegations of abuses and improper conduct by high-level agency officials, receiving testimony from Harry G. Patsalides, Deputy Assistant Inspector General for Investigations, and Yvonne D. Desjardins, Chief, Employee and Labor Relations Section, Personnel Branch, both of the Department of the Treasury; Ray Cody Mayo, Jr., Louisiana Assistant District Attorney, Shreveport; Robert Edwin Davis, Dallas, Texas, former Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Tax Division, Department of Justice; J. Earl Epstein, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; and Philip A. MacNaughton, Houston, Texas.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

## CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee concluded hearings on S.J. Res. 44, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to protect the rights of crime victims, after receiving testimony from Raymond C. Fisher, Associate Attorney General, Department of Justice; Paul G. Cassell, University of Utah College of Law, Salt Lake City; Kathleen Krennek, Wisconsin Coalition Against Domestic Violence, Madison; Robert P. Mosteller, Duke University Law School, Durham, North Carolina; Marlene A. Young, Washington, D.C., and Norman S. Early, Jr., Denver, Colorado, both on behalf of the National Organization for Victim Assistance; and Steven J. Twist, VIAD Corporation, Scottsdale, Arizona, and former Chief Assistant Attorney General of Arizona, on behalf of the National Victims' Constitutional Amendment Network.

## READING AND LITERACY INITIATIVES

*Committee on Labor and Human Resources:* Committee concluded hearings to examine proposals to improve the reading and literacy skills of children and families, focusing on S. 1596 and H.R. 2614, bills to provide for reading excellence by improving in-service instructional practices for teachers who teach reading, to stimulate the development of more high-

quality family literacy programs, to support extended learning-time opportunities for children, and to ensure that children can read well and independently not later than third grade, after receiving testimony from G. Reid Lyon, Chief, Child Development and Behavior Branch, National Institute of Child Health and Human Development, National Institutes of Health, Department of Health and Human Services; Janet R. Arnowitz, Fairfax County Public Schools, both of Bethesda, Maryland; Blanche Podhajski, Stern Center for Language and Learning, Williston, Vermont; Catherine E. Snow, Committee on the Prevention of Reading Difficulties in Young Children, Cambridge, Massachusetts; Perri Klass, Boston Medical Center, Boston, Massachusetts; Charles I. Bunting, Vermont State College, Waterbury; Peggy Minnis and Raynice Brumfield, both of the District of Columbia Public Schools, Washington, D.C.; Noel C.R. Gunther, WETA Learning Project, Arlington, Virginia; and Dawnna Lancot, Danville, Vermont.

## ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE TOOLS FOR SMALL BUSINESS

*Committee on Small Business:* Committee held hearings to examine environmental compliance assistance for small businesses provided by the Environmental Protection Agency under Federal laws and initiatives, environmental self-audits, and State audit privilege and qualified disclosure laws, receiving testimony from Montana State Representative Scott J. Orr, Helena, on behalf of the American Legislative Exchange Council; Benjamin Y. Cooper, Printing Industries of America, Alexandria, Virginia; Elizabeth Glass Geltman, George Washington University, Washington, D.C.; James L. King, New York Small Business Development Center, Albany, on behalf of the Association of Small Business Development Centers; and David S. Marsh, Marsh Plating Corporation, Ypsilanti, Michigan, on behalf of the National Association of Metal Finishers, the Metal Finishing Suppliers' Association, and the American Electroplating and Surface Finishing Society.

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# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Bills Introduced:** 9 public bills, H.R. 3734–3742; and 5 resolutions, H.J. Res. 116 and H. Con. Res. 261–264, were introduced.

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**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed as follows:

H.R. 2807, A bill to amend the Rhinoceros and Tiger Conservation Act of 1994 to prohibit the sale, importation, and exportation of products labeled as

containing substances derived from rhinoceros or tiger, amended (H. Rept. 105-495);

S. 231, to establish the National Cave and Karst Research Institute in the State of New Mexico (H. Rept. 105-496);

H. Res. 409, providing for consideration of H.R. 3717 to prohibit the expenditure of Federal funds for the distribution of needles or syringes for the hypodermic injection of illegal drugs (H. Rept. 105-497); and

H. Res. 410, providing for consideration of H.R. 3546 to provide for a national dialogue on Social Security and to establish the Bipartisan Panel to Design Long-Range Social Security Reform (H. Rept. 105-498); and

H. Res. 411, providing for consideration of H.R. 6 to extend the authorization of programs under the Higher Education Act of 1965 (H. Rept. 105-499).

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**Recess:** The House recessed at 1:36 p.m. and reconvened at 2:00 p.m.

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**Suspensions:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

**Rhino and Tiger Product Labeling Act:** H.R. 2807, amended, to amend the Rhinoceros and Tiger Conservation Act of 1994 to prohibit the sale, importation, and exportation of products labeled as containing substances derived from rhinoceros or tiger;

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**Fiftieth Anniversary of Sri Lanka:** H. Res. 350, congratulating the people of Sri Lanka on the occasion of the fiftieth anniversary of their nation's independence;

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**Cease Fire in Afghanistan:** H. Con. Res. 218, amended, concerning the urgent need to establish a cease fire in Afghanistan and begin the transition toward a broad-based multiethnic government that observes international norms of behavior (agreed to by a yea and nay vote of 391 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 110);

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**Little League Baseball:** S. Con. Res. 37 expressing the sense of the Congress that Little League Baseball Incorporated was established to support and develop Little League baseball worldwide and should be entitled to all of the benefits and privileges available to nongovernmental international organizations (passed by a recorded vote of 398 yeas with none voting "no", Roll No. 111)—clearing the measure for the President;

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**Violence in Algeria:** H. Res. 374, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives regarding the ongoing violence in Algeria;

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**OAS and Transition of Nicaragua into a Democracy:** H. Con. Res. 222, expressing the sense of Congress, congratulating the former International Support and Verification Commission of the Organization of American States (OAS-CIAV) for successfully aiding in the transition of Nicaragua from a war-ridden state into a newly formed democracy and providing continued support through the recently created Technical Cooperation Mission (OAS-TCM) which is responsible for helping to stabilize Nicaraguan democracy by supplementing institution building;

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**Guyana's Multiparty Elections:** H. Con. Res. 215, amended, congratulating the people of the Cooperative Republic of Guyana for holding multiparty elections; and

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**Fiftieth Anniversary of the State of Israel:** H.J. Res. 102, expressing the sense of the Congress on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the founding of the modern State of Israel and reaffirming the bonds of friendship and cooperation between the United States and Israel (passed by a yea and nay vote of 402 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 112).

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**Recess:** The House recessed at 4:30 and reconvened at 5:00 p.m.

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**Amendments:** Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H2424-39.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Two yea-and-nay votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H2372-73, H2373-74, and H2374. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** Met at 12:00 p.m. and adjourned at 10:49 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### LABOR-HHS-EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

**Committee on Appropriations:** Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education held a hearing on the Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission, the National Mediation Board, the National Commission on Libraries, and the Armed Forces Retirement Home. Testimony was heard from Stuart E. Weisberg, Chairman, Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission; Ernest W. DuBester, Chairman, National Mediation Board; Jeanne Hurley Simon, Chairperson, National Commission on Libraries and Information Science; and David F. Lacy, CEO/Chairman of the Board, Armed Forces Retirement Home.